

House File 439 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the budget submissions of executive branch
2 departments to utilize a zero-base approach once per decade.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8.23, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) The Except as provided in subparagraph (2), the
4 estimates of expenditure requirements shall be based upon
5 seventy-five percent of the funding provided for the current
6 fiscal year accounted for by program reduced by the historical
7 employee vacancy factor in a form specified by the director
8 and the remainder of the estimate of expenditure requirements
9 prioritized by program. The estimates shall be accompanied
10 with by performance measures for evaluating the effectiveness
11 of the program.

12 (2) For estimates of expenditure requirements for the
13 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and for every tenth
14 fiscal year thereafter, the estimates shall utilize a
15 zero-base approach of providing sufficient supporting data and
16 explanations to justify each expenditure as though it were a
17 new expenditure. The estimates shall include a prioritization
18 of each expenditure in relation to the other expenditures
19 transmitted. The estimates shall be accompanied by performance
20 measures for evaluating the effectiveness of any program.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill requires the budget submissions of executive
25 branch departments to utilize a zero-base approach once per
26 decade.

27 Currently, under Code section 8.23, the executive branch
28 departments' estimates of expenditure requirements are based
29 upon 75 percent of the funding provided for the current
30 fiscal year as adjusted by the historical employee vacancy
31 factor. The remaining estimates of expenditure requirements
32 are prioritized by program. The bill requires estimates of
33 expenditure requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
34 2024, and for every tenth fiscal year thereafter, to utilize a
35 zero-base approach of providing sufficient supporting data and

1 explanations to justify each expenditure as though it were a
2 new expenditure. The estimates must include a prioritization
3 of each expenditure in relation to the other expenditures
4 transmitted and must be accompanied by performance measures for
5 evaluating the effectiveness of any program.